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Soviet Boots A Big Gun for Helping a Spy

Moscow, May 29 (UPI)—Chief Marshal of Artillery Sergei Varentsov has been fired from his job and demoted in rank for allegedly protecting Russian spy Col. Oleg Penkovsky, Izvestia reported today.

Maj. Gen. A. Poznovny and Col. V. Buzinov also have been disciplined for showing Penkovsky material connected with their work, the Soviet government newspaper said.

Penkovsky was executed this month for allegedly passing Soviet military, economic and political secrets to an Anglo-American intelligence ring.

Marshall a War Hero

British businessman Greville Wynne, charged for espionage with Penkovsky, was sentenced to eight years confinement.

Lt. Gen. of Justice A. G. Gorny, presiding at the Wynne-Penkovsky trial, told Izvestia that Varentsov, 62-year-old war hero, and other officers linked to Penkovsky had been "subjected to strict administrative and party discipline."

Examined Record

He referred to Varentsov as "former chief marshal of artillery" and said he had been "lowered in rank and position because, having known Penkovsky at the front, he trusted his (Penkovsky's) complaints that he had been unjustly mustered out of the Soviet army."

"Varentsov managed to get a recommendation of Penkovsky's military service record and finally obtained a position with the State Committee for Coordinating Scientific Research,"